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REDS PUSH COMPLETION OF RR LINES;
NEW WINTER RR SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE IN DECEMBER;
GUERRILLAS CONTINUE SABOTAGE OF LINES

Completion of the rail line connecting the port of Huang-p'u and Pai-yun airfield is being expedited by purchasing materials abroad. A 65.4-kilometer stretch of track from Chiu-lung-p'o to Chiang-ching has been laid. The present rate of laying is 2 kilometers per day. Enlargement of the Tientsin Railway Station is under way.

New schedules for passenger and freight trains throughout China, which are to go into effect on 1 December, by order of the Ministry of Railways, reveal shortened running times and greater operational efficiency.

Guerrillas are sabotaging railway facilities in the Canton and Shanghai areas. The Shanghai Railway Bureau has taken countermeasures.

IMPORT OLD RAILS FOR RR TO PAI-YUN AIRFIELD -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 8 Jan 51

Canton, 7 January -- Because of the urgent necessity of completing the light railway connecting the port of Huang-p'u with the Pai-yun airfield, agents have been ordered to purchase abroad, with all possible speed, old rails and other needed equipment. One big lot has been purchased, and a number of three-mast ships have been dispatched to transport the lot to China. It is understood that on their clearance papers from a foreign port, Hong Kong was given as their destination, but actually, the ships did not enter Hong Kong harbor; they merely called at Wan Shan and then proceeded directly to Canton to discharge their cargo.

A considerable quantity of so-called old motor-truck engines has been purchased abroad, and the same clearance has been obtained for them as for scrap iron. In this way, much steel, copper, and old cartridge shells have been obtained.

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TRACK LAYING PROCEEDS ON CHUNGKING-CHONGKING RR -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 31 Dec 50

Chungking, 30 December -- Track has been laid from the Chiu-lung-p'o terminal at Chungking as far as Chiang-ch'ing, a distance of 65.4 kilometers. Since authority was given to make collective contracts with the workers, the pace of track laying has been stepped up from 500-600 meters a day to more than 2 kilometers a day. On 26 December 1950, 3.16 kilometers were laid. This indicates increased skill as well as industriousness.

TIENTSIN STATION BEING ENLARGED -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 14 Sep 50

Tientsin -- Due to the excessive crowding at the Tientsin railway Station, hitherto known as Tientsin East, the Railway Bureau is urgently pushing the enlargement of the station to provide seats for 500 in the waiting rooms and a larger and more convenient arrangement for the sale of tickets. The work is expected to be finished by the end of December 1950.

ANNOUNCES NEW WINTER RR SCHEDULES -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 28 Nov 50

Peiping, 26 November (Hsin-Hua) -- The Ministry of Railways has decided upon a new winter schedule for the operation of passenger and freight trains throughout the country, effective 1 December 1950.

For the most part, the pairs of trains making the same runs in opposite directions will retain the same number designations as at present, but the running times will be shortened. Thus, the running time of the through express train from Shanghai to Canton will be reduced by 6 hours 33 minutes to 55 hours 42 minutes. That for the through express from Peiping to Hankow will be reduced by 3 hours 33 minutes to 37 hours, 46 minutes. That for the through express from Peiping to Shanghai will be reduced by 21 minutes to 36 hours 27 minutes. The length of intervals for train connections will be shortened.

For the convenience of the traveling public, the principle has been adopted of arranging the times of departure and arrival of trains from and at the larger cities after the usual time of arising in the morning and before the customary time of retiring at night.

The adoption of the new schedules is occasioned not only by the shorter days and longer nights, but by the faster schedules which can now be maintained due to the achievement of greater general working efficiency on the railways.

RR SABOTAGE NEAR CANTON -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 28 Dec 50

Fo-shan -- Guerrillas are very active along the line of the railway running between Canton and San-shui. By day they lie in ambush, and at night they come out and rip up considerable sections of the tracks, cut and carry off telegraph wires, post political posters, and scatter anti-Communist leaflets. Gun shots are frequently heard where these activities are going on.

SHANGHAI ORGANIZES RR PROTECTION -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 19 Dec 50

Shanghai -- In the endeavor to assure complete protection of the more than 1,700 kilometers of railway under its control from sabotage by anti-Communist bandits, the Shanghai Railway Bureau not long ago launched a movement to organize the men of the rural villages along the railways from Shanghai to Nanking, from Shanghai to Hangchow, and from Hangchow to Nan-chang, to assist the armed Railway Defense Guards.

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This movement has grown rapidly and at present some 80,000 are doing duty by turns, particularly at night and in the comparatively sparsely settled hilly regions. Such measures were found to be necessary because in the remote regions of Chekiang and Kiangsi the land-reform program has not yet been implemented and the political consciousness of the people has not yet been raised.

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